Demand for creation of separate Vidarbha State

1698. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers while speaking at a meeting in Nagpur on the 5th July, 1983 had demanded the creation of separate Vidarbha State out of present Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demand made by the Union Minister; and

(c) whether the Central Government have accepted the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) While speaking at a meeting in Nagpur on 5th July, 1984 the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers had stated that if steps are not taken to ensure balanced development by implementing the provisions of article 371 of the Constitution, Vidarbha will have no alternative but to revive its case for statehood.

(c) No request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for establishment of a development board for Vidarbha in terms of the said constitutional provision.

Punjab situation after army operations

1699. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI HUSEN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed by the extremists in Punjab prior to army's intervention since 1981;

(b) whether the law and order situation in Punjab has improved after the operations undertaken by the army; and

(c) by what time the army is likely to be withdrawn from the Golden Temple complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) 456 persons were killed in violent incidents in Punjab during the period 1-8-1981 to 3-6-1984.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No firm date can be given at this stage.

Foreign diplomats involved in unlawful activities

1700. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign diplomats in India have been found to be engaged in unlawful activities;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases that have come to light during the last three years and the names of the countries to which these diplomats belong; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the diplomatic immunity laws in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) From time to time instances have come to Government's notice of infringement of our regulations by diplomats accredited to India. In all such cases suitable action has been taken, within the framework of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and

in accordance with the accepted international practice in the matter.

(c) No Sir.

Handing over of administration of all Gurdwaras to senior Sikh IAS officers

1701. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for handing over the administration of all Gurdwaras and specially of Harmandir Saheb to Senior Sikh IAS Officers as administration of all the important religious places namely, Tirupati-Tirumula Devasthanam, Shri Badrinath Temple etc. is looked after by IAS Officers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Persons detained under NSA in Punjab

1702. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons and political leaders who were detained under the amended National Security Act in Punjab and are still under detention; and

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to review their cases and release them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) 398 persons were detained under the amended National Security Act in Punjab from 5-4-84 to 31-7-84. Out of these 398 persons, 335 persons, were under detention as on 31st July, 1984.

(b) There is no proposal at present with the State Government to review their cases.

Desertion of forces by Jawans

1703. SHRI S. W. DHABE::

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jawans of CRPF, BSF and Punjab Police deserted their respective forces during the army operations in Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh in the first week of June or thereafter; and

(b) if so, what is their number and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does on tarise.

Bills passed by the Kerala Assembly awaiting Presidential assent

1704. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Bills passed by the Kerala Legislature which are awaiting Presidential assent;

(b) the dates on which these were received from the Kerala Government; and

(c) by when these are likely to be given Presidential assent?